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WIFA Chairman Owens Announces \$33 Million in Loans for Wastewater, Drinking Water Projects in Cave Creek

PHOENIX (April 9, 2008) – Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) of Arizona Chairman Steve Owens announced today that the WIFA Board of Directors has approved \$33 million in low-interest, 20-year loans to the Town of Cave Creek for the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant and upgrades to the Desert Hills and Cave Creek drinking water systems.

The existing wastewater treatment plant has insufficient capacity to handle the town's current needs. Only a fraction of the town's 5,000 residents are now connected to the plant

One loan, of \$22 million, will fund the construction of a treatment plant that will treat 750,000 gallons of wastewater daily along the north side of Carefree Highway and 44th Street. The project also will include 4 miles of sewage collection and return lines, equipment and chemical storage facilities, an administration building and the dismantling of the existing treatment plant.

A second loan, of \$11 million, will fund improvements and upgrades to the Desert Hills and Cave Creek drinking water systems, including two new concrete storage tanks with a combined capacity of 3.2 million gallons, three new booster pump stations and the expansion of the water treatment plant from 3 million to 5 million gallons a day.

Chairman Owens, who is also the Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), noted that the low-interest loans will save the city over a million dollars over the life of the loan.

"This is a great investment in the community," Owens said. "By committing to the construction of the new wastewater treatment plant, and addressing its drinking water supply, storage and treatment needs, the Town of Cave Creek is insuring its water resources meet its current and future water needs. And they will be saving millions of dollars along the way,"

The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona maintains and improves water quality in Arizona by providing communities and private water systems with access to low-interest financial assistance and technical assistance needed for basic water infrastructure. For more information, please visit WIFA's Web site at www.azwifa.gov.